

Conrad Weiser Area School District N.E.E.D. Camp

September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian of Sixth Grade Student:

Each spring since 1971, Conrad Weiser sixth graders have been attending a weeklong resident environmental program called N.E.E.D. (National Environmental Education Development) Camp. Our School Board and Administration have continued to approve and support this program since its beginning as a week to develop and nurture environmental awareness. It has since evolved into a mandatory part of our curriculum that covers and fulfills many of our Pennsylvania environment and ecology standards. Throughout the academic year, classroom instruction pertaining to N.E.E.D. Camp and the environment takes place. N.E.E.D. Camp itself is a culmination of the year's environmental education instruction and has become a beloved Conrad Weiser 6th Grade tradition.

In May, all of our sixth grade students will be expected to go to the resident camp for one week (Monday through Friday). Since this is an integral part of the school's curriculum, it is imperative that every sixth grader attend with his/her class. Below are the following dates for this year's N.E.E.D. Camp. **Students will attend as scheduled according to their Weiser Time/Homeroom.**

May 6 - May 10 (Mr. Feeg, Ms. Fidazzo, Ms. Matthew, Mrs. Stoy, Mr. Young)

May 13 - May 17 (Mr. Arthur, Ms. Dagnone, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Mohn, Mrs. Nally)

Please plan to attend the Parent Meeting on November 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conrad Weiser Middle School auditorium. At that time, camp details will be discussed and questions can easily be addressed.

Additional information and all of the forms required for N.E.E.D. Camp can be found on the Conrad Weiser School District webpage in the Middle School tab- Academics- N.E.E.D. Camp information. Forms can also be picked up in the Middle School Main Office. Download the forms, complete and return them to school with your sixth grader.

If your child will need to take medication during camp, a N.E.E.D. Camp Medication Permission Form must be completed and signed by a physician, one form for each medication.

All forms must be submitted NO LATER THAN APRIL 8, 2024. This includes the health physical exam required for all sixth students. No student will attend camp without their mandated physical or other required paperwork. If you are unsure if the school nurse has received the documentation, please contact Mrs. Ocepek at l_ocepek@conradweiser.org.

The cost of camp this year will be \$50.00. Checks may be made payable to "Conrad Weiser Area Schools". *If you are interested in helping sponsor a student with financial limitations, your help would be appreciated.* Please note on your check the donation amount. In the meantime, please direct any questions or concerns to Ms. Moore, Building Co-Principal, at n_moore@conradweiser.org. *Note that the district will charge a \$12.00 fee for any checks that are returned from the bank for any reason. The parent/guardian will be notified of the returned check and will be responsible for the fee in addition to the amount of the check.